

IOWA BOARD OF NURSING

In RE: Petition for Amendment)	Amendment to
to Declaratory Ruling No. 98)	Declaratory Ruling No. 98
Filed By:)	
Barbara Bausch, R.N.)	Registered Nurse Delegation to
February 4, 2000)	a Certified Medication Aide,
)	the Task of Performing Inter-
)	mittent, Clean Urinary Cathe-
)	terization of a 43-year-old
)	Male With Multiple Health
)	Problems

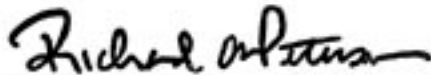
A petition for an amendment to declaratory ruling number 98, *Registered nurse delegation to a certified medication aide, the task of performing intermittent, clean urinary catheterization of a forty-three-year-old male with multiple health problems when a licensed nurse is not present at the location of the community living home*, was submitted by Barbara Bausch, RN, nursing supervisor, Area Residential Care, Inc. (ARCI) on February 4, 2000.

The Board is authorized to issue declaratory rulings "as to the applicability of any statutory provision, rule, or other written statement of law or policy, decision, or order of the agency" pursuant to 1999 Iowa Code § 17A.9. See also 655 IAC 9.

The petition for amendment is requested because the pool of available certified medication aides is very limited, and consequently ARCI is unable to staff the home with certified medication aides around the clock. Also, catheterizations have

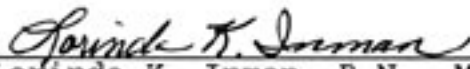
increased from TID to QID. Currently, staff performs the fourth scatheterization at 9:00 p.m. prior to the departure of the certified medication aide. Recently the client has become restless during the early morning hours and it is felt that delaying the catheterization until later in the evening may help to diminish his early morning restlessness.

The Iowa Board of Nursing amends declaratory ruling number 98 to allow nonlicensed personnel including direct care staff to perform intermittent, clean urinary catheterization when a licensed nurse is not available in the community living home. The task may be delegated under the circumstances setout in declaratory ruling number 98.



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March 2, 2000
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